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amendment.

SPEAKER BROMM: The amendment is adopted. I raise the call. Items for the record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Thank you, Mr. President. Mr. President, a confirmation report from the Health and Human Services Committee. An amendment, Senator Byars, to LB 1083; Senator Beutler to LB 439; Senator Thompson, LB 1112. A series of study resolutions: LR 354, Senator Johnson; and LR 355, Senator Schimek; LR 356, LR 357, Senator Jensen; Senator Raikes, LR 358; Senator Thompson, LR 359; Senator Brashear, LR 360; Senator Vrtiska, LR 361, LR 362; Senator Schrock, LR 363; Senator Raikes, LR 364 and LR 365, LR 366, LR 367; Senator Aguilar, LR 368. (Legislative Journal pages 1353-1361.)

Mr. President, the next amendment I have is Senator Redfield's. Senator, AM3270. I have a note, Senator, that you would like to withdraw AM3270 and offer, as a substitute, AM3456.

SPEAKER BROMM: Are there any objections? If not, it is so ordered.

CLERK: Senator Redfield, AM3456. (Legislative Journal pages 1361-1362.)

SPEAKER BROMM: Senator Redfield.

SENATOR REDFIELD: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the body. The last vote was very, very difficult, because in fact everyone likes to retain things that are part of our culture and our heritage. But when I look at the budget that is before us, and knowing what I was going to propose to you by amendment, I could not justify a vote for that. But the body has elected to put that money back into the budget. I would ask, however, that you look at the rest of the budget, because, in fact, on General File our discussion almost exclusively revolved around whether or not we were going to fund the prizes for the State Fair, and I don't believe that we had a full discussion as to the reasons why the Appropriations Committee chose to reduce the proposals that the Governor had offered in the green copy of LB 1089. I'm